

✓ Sitting No. 12/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argo, Valletta, on Thursday, 4th March, 1963, at 11 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning & Finance,
The Hon. Minister of Education,
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications,
The Hon. Minister of Justice,
The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing,
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development and Tourism,
The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

Minutes of Meetings Nos. 10 + 11/63 were read and confirmed.

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New Power / Water Station (Memo. No. 5).

Mr. A. Salomone, Financial Secretary, Mr. A. Fenech, Manager, S.E. Dept., and Mr. L. Ainter, Chief Engineer, were in attendance.

The Cabinet was informed that the Consultants had confirmed in writing that the suggestions of the State Council had in fact been contemplated and adopted in the

project as prepared by the Consultants. In view of this confirmation the Cabinet approved the negotiations carried out by the Maltese Delegation with the World Bank in December, 1962, and agreed to accept the loan from the World Bank to finance the Power/Water Distillation Project, as in para. 15 of Memorandum.

In order to avoid further delays, it was decided that no fresh tenders should be issued for the civil and the structural steel works. The same tenderers who had already quoted for these works were to be asked to revise their quotations. Early action was to be taken also in connection with the issue of tenders for the required turbines, boilers, distillers and crane, with the necessary legislation and with the acquisition of the site.

OPM. 309/55. Drawback on local purchases by the Governor (Memo. No. 114).

It was explained that in 1955 approval was given in Executive Council for exemption from duty of the importations made by the Governor and his family for personal and official use.

Hon. Ministers considered the fact the Governor had to maintain a large establishment and to give hospitality to official guests, which involved a heavy

movement volume of purchases on the local market. It was decided therefore that the principle accepted in regard to importations should be extended to cover also local purchases, and agreed that H.C. the Governor be advised to make the Import Duties (Purchases by or on behalf of the Governor) Drawback Regulations, 1963.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written decision was as follows:-

OPT. 1198/62. H.C. the Governor was advised to empower Mr. J. Camilleri, Chairman of a Board of Enquiry, to administer the oath, in terms of clause 3 of the Committee of Enquiry Act, 1948.

Sen. 923/60. H.C. the Governor was advised to give covering approval for the additional movement of £35.

OPT. 1388/62. H.C. the Governor was advised to grant exemption from Succession and Donation duties on property at Porto bequeathed to "Ta Pinu" Basilica, Sgo.

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Secretary to Cabinet,

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